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The most August and Serene Prince

CHARLES II.

Of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, &c.

Dread and Royal Sir and Soveraign,



T hath been all along (I praise my God) my Inclination as well as my Duty, to serve my Prince and Countrey the Wars in your ever Renowned Fathers time (wherein I had the

Honour as well as the Misfortune (as carrying with it the Sacrifice of a Competent Estate) to be, shall testifie for the One, as this small Tract for the Other; as I am a Native of this place; so also for the better part of Twenty years, I was not a Stranger to many Near and Remote Regions, but never could I meet with, or hear of any such Waters as this your City yields, in reference to the perpetual constancy of their Quantity and Quality; on which reason, I have an Ambition and Desire

and inexhausible Treasures, are stored up here in the Bowels of the Earth, scarce ever made known (at leastwife made use of) till these very late years, the Publication whereof, will Sans-peradventure, advance your Majesties Kingdoms Interest, as conducing so much, to the Longavity and health of the Nations: rendring them more Numerous and Hardy, (our Air will make them Valiant) and this being granted, as being an indisputable Maxim the Consequence is, Cum number Manibus grande levatur opus.

May the good God, keep your Majesty, here (long after our Age) in the highest degree of Honour and Health, and when you Change, give you an Incorruptible for a Corruptible Crown, which hath, is, and shall be

the daily and incessant Prayers of

Your Majesties,

Most bumble, Loyal, and Obedient

Subjest and Servant

Bath, 16. Novemb. 1673.

Hen. Chapman,



To the ever Renowned

NATIONS

Of, and in

Great Britain and Ireland.

Am not ignorant, that there are many (and that Learned too) Treatifes abroad, concerning something I am now in hand with. Dr. Jordan is Extant, and so is an Appendix to it, discoursing prosoundly, from what Minerals these Waters may proceed with the Nature of Bitumen Sulphur, and the like; yet all this while, there wants a plain, and cheap (not Scholastique) Divulgation to the World, of the present use of these Waters, both as to the bathing in, and Drinking of them, the latter of which having not been much in use till within this

this two or three years, is not (I conceive) sufficiently made known to the World, wherefore that these Soveraign Waters which are so much approved of, by those Many, that have made use of them, as having wrought so many and so admirable Gures; may lye no longer in Obscurity (in default of an abler Pen) I have in this small Treatise adventured it my self, in which the Render cannot (considerato Authore) reasonably expect, any other then plain ordinary English, the whole aim and scope being to report them to the World, and (because of their singular Virtues) to encourage the use of them.

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He City of Bath is feated in the North North-East part of Somersetshire, environ'd (almost) all) round with pleasant and fruitful Hills sull of excellent Springs of Waters, in so much as 'tis observed that on many of their Sumits, there are rare Christal

Waters, gushing out especially in one Village adjoyning to the Southwards of it, there are near Fifty (if not more) Habitations, where scarce one House makes use of that Water that served another, each one enjoying a particular to its self.

The Valley in which it stands, in any place extends (hardly) it self to half a Mile in bredth, in most places less, it is very pleasant and fruitful, and therein hardly ever seen any Pools, Loughs, or Meery places; for as soon as any inundation is over, the Waters totally Drein away

with :

with it, which doubtless contributes much to the Salubrity of the Air. From two of these Hills, the City (by Pipes of Lead) is not only plentifully served into the Common Conduits, but also not sew of the private Houses are supplyed with it within their own Doors, such a Convenience, and at such easie Rates, that sew places enjoy the like; and this being carried through most Streets, Lanes, and By-wayes, is not only for withindoor Occasions, but in case of Fire, is very ready to be made use of.

The Streets, most of the Natrowest fize, especially that near the Center called Cheap-fireet, the greatest Eyefore of its Beauty and Cumber to its accommodation, it is Walled all round, with a Time-defying Stone, the Buildings (by firong supposition) mounted much higher then in former Ages; for walking round the Walls, it is perceivable, the City stands on a Batch (as we call it) in a bottom, from Fifteen to Twenty foot higher then the Surface without; neither is it without Suburbs, the fourth part supposed to be so, and all together, computed by some that pretend to have calculated its Dimensions, takes not up much more then Fifty Acres, in such a narrow compass is this ancient, famous, little pretty City contained; which being in fuch a bottom, hath such a variety of Prospects, and Landskips, that few places parallel it, whereas places scited on Levels, seldom please the Eye far, deprived by the interposition of the next Pale, Wall, or Hedge, whereas, this railing it felf higher then the adjoyning Gardens and Meadows, hath full and free paffage, nor do the Hills fo strengthen the Prosped, but that the Eye may even surfeit its felf with variety of Objects (in some places) for at least three Miles, at once beholding the Meander- Aven Semi-circling the City, then the low Meadows, in feveral [mall

small and great Partitions; the Pasture grounds above them, then the Corn fields, so gradually we come up to the Downs, on which particularly Launsdown is an excellent Coarse of above two Miles, at the end whereof may be seen the City of Bristel, with the Counties of Somerset, wilts, Glocester, Worcester, Hereford, and Monmonths but this has made me endanger the Out-running my intended Discourse, seldom farther then the little City or its Prospect, but this Digression (I suppose) may not be much out of Order, when the Gallantry and Youth of the Nation, may be made acquainted, what Recreation the Vicinity of the place affords, especially when it

is accompanied with Hunting, Setting, Grands

The Wall is in compais not a full English Mile, and were the City not in such a bottom, and so over topped by Neighbouring Hills, by the Opinion of Col. B. Conce Governor thereof) and some others, that may underfland Fortifications) might be made Tenable, for indeed the whole, is but one entire Rampart, a Coffin fill'd with Earth, on which the Buildings are; then the Springs fo near the Superficies, that no Approaches can be made but with great difficulty, there are large discourses already extant of several Statues, Figures, as Gorgons Serpents, & in it, in which I shall not meddle, but leave every man to his view, and belief, but certainly this, it is a Noble Ancient Wall therein appearing many antiquities, as alfo four Gates, having their feveral denominations from the four Cardinal winds, which every night are order'd to be lock'd up, and a Watch Itinerant, Sworn not to enter any House till four in the Morn, which how duely observed, some of them who have been caught tardy, and put into Wooden Bastile, for their pains can fatistie you.

The Government is by a Mayor, Aldermen, and Twenty Councellors or Citizens. The Mayor and AlderCharter) may not exceed eleven, nor under five; to these is added a Recorder; who there with the Mayor is Justice of the Peace and Lewis, having the precedence of the two other Justices; also a Town Clark, who every Leet-day (twice in the year) calls the Court, and it is kept in his Name, although Mayor, Aldermen, &c.

present.

And here (I conceive it will not be improper, no Sally from the purpole, to observe the care here taken for the Poor, of which quality (I suppose) there are sewer then in any place (for its bigness) in the Kingdom, the yearly rate for the three Parishes, being under 30 1, per ann, which to some Strangers, hath, not being acquainted with the Custom and Method here taken) seem'd wonderful, most People conjecturing the City to be poor, (as indeed it cannot vaunt of many notorioufly rich) yet Providence, with the beneficent munificence of some of our English Monarques hath sufficiently provided for it, thereby they owing as little to their backs and bellies as any place I know of, yet no stupid Gormandizers neither; for such care is taken that the wealthier fort eat their own Morfels, free from such importunate Clamours and Outcries as are too frequently feen in other places, that have a higher Celebration for Riches, this principally arising (without doubt) from Magistratical care, at every Quarter-Sale day wherein the poorer fort are not only kindly nsed (beyond comparison) but are also so tyed up, that they cannot fourander away their good bargains, but are referved in case of necessity to their needy Families.

It is supplied and adorned for the Service of God with three Churches, dedicated to St. Fames, St. Michael, and St. Peter and Paul, the later justly challenging to its self the preheminence, for lightsomness, stateliness, and ele-

gance of Structure, of all the Parochial Churches in the Kingdom, the Tower whereof is 162 foot high, in the upper loft whereof, is a noble Taunting, and Musical ring of Bells, whose loud Peals have been distinctly heard five, fix, nay sometimes seven Miles distant, The Tenor is called Hopton, mostly the gift of that Honorable Family, what wanted in their bounty, was supplyed by the City; to this Tower are four several Stair-Cases, at each distinct corner one. This Stately Pile was begun in Henry the Sevenths time by one Oliver King, the then Bishop of the Diocess, but never (by the iniquity of the times partly arising by the several changes) could it arise to any perfection, till about the year 1606. God raised up Bishop Mentagne, Mr. Thomas Bellot, and other pious and generous Benefactors, by whose great bounty and good Example it now enjoys its present Splendor and Glory. In the Body whereof one thing is most remarkable, that although it be of a vast Dimension taking its height, bredth, and length, and lying uncovered for above 100 years, the Windows so large, the Walls fo thin, (that I prefume many Mansion-houses equal it) yet this Noble Pile, notwithstanding it hath no floaping Buttreffes, on the outfide to support and strengthen it, which the great Churches usually have, shews no Flaw, Crack, not fettling, but stands firm and entire, evidencing thereby, not only the profound Skill of the Architect, but the goodness of the Stone, whose quality is, when taken up green out of the Quarry, of fuch a softness, that a Pen-knife (comparatively) may work it, without turning its edge, but when exposed to any building in the open Air, nothing more lasting, nothing more permanent, for neither Age nor time can deface it. witness the whole Pile, which notwithstanding it hath flood near two Centuries, yet to this day, remains as firm

firm and beautiful as at fift, near the midft whereof under an Archaothe Northwardy lyes interred the Noble and Charleable Benefactor Bishop Montague, on whom his Executors (his Brothers) men of great Honor and Places. rear'd a ftately Monument, answerable to the Dignity of that Honourable and Religious Prelate, over against this Noble Monument, the City in Testimony of the respects they owed to the then Rector Mr. Fohn Pelling erected another to him, this Reverend Divine, notwithstanding he had a numerous Iffue, yet was so indefatigably zealous in forwarding the reparation of this Fabrick, that when at any time (and that was not feldom in that genetous and benefactory Age) any Persons of Honour offer'd to him, as to his private, refused it with his, Non mihi fed Ecclefia, which occasion'd that Motto over his Tomb. which felf-denyal (its possible) the good God hath (fecondarily paid into his own bosom, by a bleffing on his Posterity, who (some of them especially) notwithstanding the few mites they had to begin the World, have now the value of Talents in their Possession; but this I take notice of, only for the Readers fatisfaction, not for other Ministers Imitation.

In the South-east Isle, is a pretty, somewhat stately, and doubt less conceited Monument, all of Free-stone, having Originally no Inscription, as to time, person, or quality, therefore vulgarly called the Speechless Monument, but now not so, for although the Tenant was (possibly) not willing to have any, yet the will of the Dead, as to that particular is sufficiently broken, for on the ground are many Stones, curiously and artificially Joyned together, these make the resemblance of a copped Chest, and is in length, bredth, and height, sufficient to receive an Ordinary Corps; but it seems it was not the receptacle, if you believe the Scribled Inscription.

Fancy may think one hid within this Tomb, But reason sayes his grave was Mothers Womb

Another.

Nameless not Fameless, here one lyes, Believe not me, believe thine Eyes.

at was answered thus.

Bearing we in the Campie

Nameless then Fameless, for how can Fame Attend that man that wants a known-by Name ? Anonymus here might very well fhare Fame With Alexander, bating but his Name, Harry Spicer like to Cafar and't had nt fpread; But Cafar's living, and Harry Spicer's dead. Then Name makes fame, and nothing elfe for Fame 'S no more in Sense then a Recorded Name.

But to prevent all future defacings by fuch scribling and scratching, one (it seems) had been so far acquainted with the name and quality of the there interred, that for thelemany years he hath filenc'd fuch Enormities by this Divulgation to the World.

If any man my Name and Life enquire, Lichfield my Name, my Life was Musicks bire.

Near over against this Monument is a neat little Chappel, under an Arch between the Iste and the Chancel, (where formerly fate persons of the greater quality) some of which (Isuppose) though much of it is not so; for curiofity in Stonework, is hardly to be match'd in Engthe last Prior here, and lest his Fancy here in this Chappel, in the Abby-House, and in many other places in the City, being a Bird in a W.

If any man my Name and Life enquire, Lichfield my Name, my Life was Musicks hire.

But fince I am on Fancies, I must not leave this Church without a Recital of some others in the Windows, numbred in all to 52. most given by Strangers Benefactors tof which and all other charitable Donations there is a Vellum-Record on purpose kept in the Library) The great Window in the Chancel (where there is a greater in all dimensions I am yet to seek) was totally the Gift of that worthy forenamed Gentleman Mr. Thomas Bellot fan. cying his name, being party-colour'd quarrels of Glass laid Bellot-wife one over and crofs the other. There are three others (though of smaller value) one given by Mr. Malet of Enmore, with his Coat of Arms and Motto. Malet Meliora, Another by Mr. Bifs of Spargrove, with his Coat and Motto, Bis feelt fis falix Bis : the third a Citizen of London who although (peradventure) he was not so accourred from his Ancestors; yet his generous liberality was equal in the Charge to the others (unless the Coat made a difference) for a Window he gave of the same magnitude, with his fancy of William Plumby, Here I was, This I did.

I must not omit speaking somewhat of the Revenue of this Church, which indeed is but small, and that which is and hath been the Gifts of Protestant Benefactors, among whom, Dame Elizabeth Booth the Ancestors of that Noble and fully accomplished Gentleman the Lord de la-Mere, exceeded all the Sons and Daughters of our Israel, by whose pious bounty (with some additions the

City made) there is purchased in Land, to the yearlyvalue of near 20 l. per annum, this seems but a small maintenance for so great a Building, yet with this, and with what else doth arise by breaking ground for Burial places, and for Monuments, it is as well kept in Repair as any Church I know of.

But before I leave this Church, I shall leave with you these few observations; First, that not any one (that I know of) not of the Religion professed and established, gave one peny towards its Reparation; Next for the honour of our Fathers, they were the Repairers, and that in the last place We their Survivours may not be branded of having so much Faith, that we have lost all Good Works, continue the Reparation, and that not Niggardly neither; of which those famous Battlements and Pinacles, almost

round, gives sufficient and pregnant Evidence,

And now having done your Devotions, it is time I lead you to the Kings Bath, where as foon as you come down the great Stairs, you may behold the Stone-pavement and Battlements quite round it, the bounty of Sir Francis Stoner of Stoner; and for that I have had some Reflections. on Protestant Benefactors on the Church to give each Perswasion its due, this Gentleman was a Romanist. may not this therefore argue for them, that although they may be no Friends to the Church, yet they may be to the State: And now behold one of the greatest Miracles in Nature : The Universe (by Travellers general report) not affording the like, whose Waters, (granted by all hands to be as old as the Creation, keeping conflantly one quantity and quality in the greatest Drought, not one drop less in appearance, nor in the greatest Flouds. or Innundation any the More, experimentally made true by this unquestionable Evidence, the Waters filling it up to the usual height, which when the Sluces are carefully

and exactly stopped, whether Summer or Winter, Drought or Floud, makes not one Minutes difference; so that Dame Luna, that Puling Pis-Kitchin Planet with her Ebbings and Flowings, her Nepes and Spring-tides, hath no influence at all here, and no more then Reason,

for these Waters all along have been and are Aque Solis, so Sol is solely predominant here, and Lord Paramount, whereby we are assured they partake of no other accidental Increase, by

any Spring or soaking to contaminate, defile or dis-vertue it, which the cold Waters of Tunbridge, Epsom, Barnet, &c. cannot appropriate to themselves, if general report be true, they increasing and decreasing, according to Accident and Season; but of this no more till I come to hint,

and but to hint of them in another place.

Now the quantity of these Waters arising in the Kings Bath (there are none in the Queens although they are contiguous) may (as is supposed) very well drive an Over-shot Mill, and the quality is as constant as the quantity, the Springs at their Ebullitions, as hot in December as in Fune, and therefore may (with some more care for prevention of taking Cold) be with much efficacy used in all Seasons of the year, which is very fit should be taken notice of, to remove a Vulgar Error, That these Waters are never useful nor seasonable but in the Summer.

Among the many Springs in the Kings Bath, there is a principal one called the Hot-Spring, which is received by its self (without Communication into a lead Cistern, and that so close, that it is impossible any Drop of the other Waters can intermingle, over this Spring and Cistern, is (by the Order and Direction of an Honorable and Famous Physician, apump erecting, so that the Waters from its single Essuence shall by three several Conveyances, be distributed abroad in wonderful quantities, informuch.

fomuch, that although the three sumps should be in perpetual agitation, yet this noble, and exuberant Spring will remain inexhauftible, the Vertues whereof Fame (warranted by Experience) hath justly Trumpetted forth to the world, infomuch, that they are not only made use of in the Bath, the feveral places of the City, and Neighborhood, but also in Bottles and Runlets at Briftol, Glocester, Worcester, nay, London it felf. Among many its vertues, I shall give you an accompt of but a few, Take your proportion in the Morn, whether two, three, or more quarts, as may be prescribed you, for four, five, or fix hours after you have drank them, you have no Thirst, whereas formerly, when they were not taken inwardly, the Bathers were fo greatly afflicted with it, that many times weak heads have been near an intoxication in only endeavouring by taking in other potable Liquor (moderately) to quench it, and all the times thefe Soveraign Waters are in your body, although they may give you several Stools, yet it is without any rumbling in your body, or Laceration of your Guts, having a gentle and painless Operation, both by Urine and Siege; the Concomitant whereof is an excellent Stomach, much better'd by walking and stirring your body after the drinking them, and still as your body empties, you may continue drinking more, the Waters being fo innocent, that it is feldom or never heard, any complaint that a great quantity injured any one, and now (as I faid before) they are never out of feafon, for that Stately new erected Crofs in the Kings Bath is a defence and shelter as well from Winters blafts as Summers Sun, and there are many convenient Rooms for drinking of, and bathing in them, which may invite those that have occasion to make use of them at any feason, especially since I shall give them this affurance, that although there may be to Winter-Bathers more

more expence in fuer, yet to recompence that, their Lodgings will be cheaper, and the Inhabitants are observed to be as active in their attendance, and as ready to take your Money, in hoary December, as in fragrant Fune, This being granted, I have often wonder'd so much people have neglected a fuddain Repair hither, but to the loss of many of their Lives, Limbs, or both; have delayed fo long, and tamper'd fo much, by taking undue courfes in other places, that many times; when they come hither, they are fo far past all hopes, that nothing but a Miracle can cure them , whereas feldom or never, any part hence (that make early Application) without some comfort, if not perfect cure or recovery. I cannot play the Emperick to tell you all the Maladies, and Diseases by Potion and Lotion they are effectually good for, only this (to my own knowledge) they are (in some constitutions) good against, and for avoiding the very Stone. of which there are proofs sufficient, among the many this one. The dearest Relation of the Author of these papers, was extreamly tormented with it for some years, never could the find any eafe or comfort by any Skill or Direction of the ableft Phyfirian, till the great Phyfirian was pleafed to put it into her head to make use of the Bath; which in three or four times using, by bathing and drinking, elivers Stones came from her, and that only in the time of her Bathing, and drinking, fome whereof as big as Olive-Stones are yet in my Custody. and from that time to her dying day, (which was some years) was never troubled with it afterwards. For other ordinary Difeafes, as Palfie, Dropfie, Sciatica, Richets, and the like, the numberless number of Crutches that have from time to time been left behind, is a sufficient Testimony, some whereof yet hung up, remain as Trophies of Gods Mercies in their feveral Cures.

And

And now in this place (according to my promile) and purpose) I shall speak somewhat of the Cold Waters of Tunbridge, Epfom, &c. fo much celebrated and drank of in and about London, wherein because I may be thought partial, I shall speak the less, in which let me defire an Observation whether or no since the drinking those Watershave been fo much in ufe. The Griping of the Guts, a not only painful torturing, but Mortal Malady, hath not been more frequent now then in former times, it is eafily found to be so by examination of the Weekly Bills, which plainly evidences, that of late more have been caft over the Perch, by this doleful Disease in one year, then (giving allowance also for the growth of the City too proportionably) in former Ages in seven, and those that will not appropriate that fingle Difeafe, besides some others that may be attributed to those Waters, are in their understandings (I humbly conceive) blind or wilfully obstinate, indeed how can it be otherwise but those cold and crude Springs, with their Nauseous soakings (so averse to our English, and all Northern Constitutions) lying fo long in the Stomach, but must oppress, chill it, and deftroy the Appetite, especially since it is granted there is many times a mixture of Rain waters, foaking through the feveral crannics of the Earth into them, adding an increale by Urine and Ordure, Humane and Belluine, plentifully shed thereabouts; so that the Physick makes the Excrement, and (Vicifsim) the Excrement the Physick, certainly it is so, those Springs being observed to be far more fluent in wet and cold Summers, then in the hot and dry, then if compounded Rain-waters, and fuch Soakings are of fuch vertues I suppose they may be had nearer home, but it can never win belief with me, that the drinking them is the fole Reason and Occasion of the great resort thither; no, doubtless there is something else

in it Meetings; which if fo, they that go thither on that Errand, do not amis, let them enjoy and solace themfelves there, no hurt, but when they are there, to drink the waters in fuch a prodigious manner and measure through wantonnels, cuftom, or example, can by no man wishing well to the Nation be approved of But Si Popalus valt perire, quis vetet ? Sure this I am , that not above two or three years fince, some fixteen miles diffant from this City at a place called Alford, there was fuch another Spring found out, as I now am discourfing of never was there a greater refort to any place (confidering the small quantities of Waters it produced) then thither fo much reputation it had gained that much people had the patience to stay their turns (for Gods mercies were much feen in that it was a (pitifully) barren Spring) till they could be supplyed from the Well. This was then (for that year only, for never before, nor never after, that I ever could here of (it having (paid the Drinkers off, fufficiently) was it made use of) the English Bethelda, but it was not the Angel of the Lord that stirred those Waters, but an evil one; found fo, by the Diseases and Mortality that seized on abundance of People, in a very short time after they had drank them; insomuch, that ever fince there is a Lord have Mercy written on the Door of him that made Merchandize of them.

Hing Subita Mortes atque intestatus Senectus.

And now I have done with the Cold Waters, when I have given you a fight of a Valedictory Bequest which a (waggishly) witty Gentleman (who in the time of the late Wars, was with others rinsing his Hypochondriacks) bestowed on Eplom.

May all Carouses on this Green

Be health and more to th' King and Queen;

But the Squirt, and scent in Pield and City

An Oblation to the Elose Committee,

To conclude, what I have faid of the King and Oueens Baths, I would be understood as to their Vertues (Conjunctim aut divisim) to be faid of all. Only this, The Springs of the Crofs Bath are not fo hot as the Kings. nor fo fluent; neither those in the Hot Bath, the diftinction being given it, in reference (only) that it is hotter the adjoyning Crofs Bath; all which Baths are fo furrounded with such Noble Buildings for Reception, that they appear (in respect of other places so remote from the Metropolis) rather petty Palaces, then common Lodgings. Summ'd up in a pair of Herorcks by the Author hereof near an Age fince, and may now with Candour feem no vain glory, or impertinence, to be inferted here, fince they no wayes Hyperbolize the Convenience, Gallantry, nor Vertues of the Baths, nor City; and being both made on accident not defign, vindicates the Honour of our English Tongue, having fewer Letters in our own then the Latine, and yet as full fignificant and expreffive as that.

Balnea lympha Forum sic Templum Mania Rivus Taliatam parva, nusquam sunt urbe reperta.

Baths, Church, Rock-water, River, Hall Wall-round, Such in so little a City, no where found.

Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy sless shall come again to thee, and thou shall be clean.

Are not Abana and Pharphar rivers of Damascus, better

then all the waters of Ifrael?

Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, and his stell came again, like unto the stell of a little Child, and he was clean, 11 Kings 1 Cap.

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APPENDIX,

Ithout which a Pamphlet now a dayes, finds as as small acceptance as a Comedy did formerly, at the Fortune Play-house, without a Jig of Andrew Kein's into the bargain, therefore to temporize (I pray take that word in the best sense) I here present you with a Legendary one, and for caution, would not have you tye your faith too much on it, although (I assure you) it is Parti-par-pale, as our West-Countrey House-wives Orders their Puddings, with Vatt and Lean, this my Countrey-man (to my knowledge) dyed in East-India, on whom Padrce Hatch bestowed this Epitaph,

Here lyes Tom Coriat, Odcombe's pride, Who came to Surat, and here be dy'd.

This famous person was not only a Well-wisher to the Mathematicks, but also a great Aristotelian peripatetick, and co-temporary with the great Gamaliel Signieur Crusado

Crusade of Chule grande, in or before Travails, having read much of * Feoffrey Monmouth, especially in that which had reference to what was concern'd in the great Table hung up against the Wall in the Kings Bath; dedicating it to old Feoffreys Ghoft, he bolts out in this

* The fingle Author that Bladud found out thefe Waters and Bath the City.

Poetical Rapture, -

Ludhudibras a Meazel Voule, did zend his zun a graezing. who Vortuend hither vor to cum, and geed his Pigs sum peazun; Poor Bladud be was Manger grown, his Dad, which Zum call Vaetber.

Zet Bladud Pig, and Pig Bladud, and zo they ved together. Then Bladud did the Pigs invest, who grunting ran away And vound whot waters prezently, which made um wresh and 847.

Bladud was not fo grete a Vool, but zeeing what Pig mid doe, He beath'd and wash'd and rins'd and beath'd from Nodale down to toe.

Bladud was now (Gramercy Pig) a delicate Vine boy, So whome be trudges to his Dad, to be his only for. And then be bilt this gamdy Town, and sheer'd his beard

Spade-wayes, Which Voke accounted then a grace, though not for now a days.

Two I bow and and vive hundred years, and thirty vive to that, Zince Bladud's zwine did looze their greaze, which we Maderns cal Vat:

Mout that time it was alze, that Ahob's zuns were hanged, And Jezabel their Mam (curz'd deel) caus'd Naboth be Stone banged.

Chee cud zay more, but cham a weard, Voke will account this Vatle.

O Invidels if yee woon not me, yet chee pray believe the Table.